MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

HARPERVILLE CHURCH,

SCOTT COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;

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Report of Committee on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence among the churches:

DEAR BRETHREN: Another year has passed away and we are again in annual session as a body, which is our forty-eighth meeting; and this time with Harperville church, by whom we have been cordially received and bountifully cared for. We have word from all our churches but two—all represenced in harmony and peace, with a very small exception. We think the additions by baptism equal to, if not greater than those of former years. In many of our churches there have been precious revivals.

As a member of the General Association, and doing our mission work through that body, we rejoice in the success of our Missionaries, both among the whites and Indians. We also think there is evidence of a growing interest in the work of missions, compared with the last few years. Great harmony has attended our deliberations, during this session. The preaching has been sound and instructive, and the order admirable. The most discouraging feature in our present session, is the absence of so many of the ministers of this body, which, though in some cases unavoidable, is much to be deplored. Three new churches have been added to our body during this session, while three others have called for letters of dismission to join other Associations more convenient.

Dear Brethren: We live in an interesting time—interesting for its privileges and opportunities; and solemnly interesting on account of its responsibilities. New views, often strange and startling, are rising up, and heresies to deceive, if it were possible, the very elect. How important that we watch and be sober; that the membership of our churches should be carefully instructed, that they may be sound in the faith! How carefully should pastors guard their flocks, visit and instruct them, remembering that the devil, as a "roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour." "Whom resist, steadfast in the faith." "Feed my lambs," "feed my sheep," is the solemn duty which the Great Shepherd enjoined upon his ministers. But in order that ministers may do this, that pastors may do their duty to the churches, they should be assisted and sustained by the churches according to their ability. In harmony let us live, in harmony let us work in the cause of our Redeemer, each bearing his own burden, that at the last, we may hear from the approving lips of the Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

T. I. Wells, Chm'n; J. K. P. Shows, E. W. Summerell, J. W. Arnold, W. T. Cooper, A. J. Freeman, J. M. Moore, W. D. Hitt, N. L. Clarke.

HARPERVILLE, SCOTT CO., MISS., SEPT. 19, 1885.

Mt. Pisgah Association convened this day in her 48th annual session with Harperville Church, Scott Co., Miss. Elder L. P. Murrell was requested to preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. Rainer, the appointee, being absent. He preached a good discourse, using as a text Ephe. 2:10—theme: "The people of God created anew for good works." After intermission and bountiful refreshments the delegates reassembled in the house for business. The Moderator called the house to order and opened the meeting by prayer. Bro. J. M. Kelly, leading.

Brethren Thos. Keith, L. M. Phillips and Hi. Eastland, were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren N T Johnson, J D Hardy and D T Chapman were appointed a Committee on Finance. Letters were read from 49 churches and the delegates seated.

On motion, it was Resolved, That this body elect its officers by acclamation, which resulted in the re-election of the former officers, viz: Elder N. L. Clarke, Moderator; Elder J. M. Moore, Secretary, and brother J. D. Hardy, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with us. Petitionary letters

were then called for. Three were presented—one from Union, Newton Co., one from New Prospect, and one from Pine Bluff. The letters were read and the churches voted members of this body, the Moderator giving the hand of welcome. Correspondence from sister associations was called for: Eld. W. R. Butler responded as messenger from Springfield, Elder A. Gressett, from Bethlehem, and Eld. P. H. Bilbro from Mt. Olive, and the Moderator gave the hand of welcome in behalf of the body. Proceeded to appoint committees, as follows:

On Missions—Elder A. J. Freeman, R. E. Buckley, H. O. White, W. T. Huff, J. M. Harralson.

On Queries and Requests—L. P. Murrell, W. P. Vaughn, F. Sansing, J. H. Limbaugh, J. S. Wells, F. Clarke.

On Preaching—J. L. Shackleford, E. Biggs, G. C. Harper, J. R. Pace, Wm. Yarbrough, L. P. Murrell.

On Nominations—J. B. Abney, J. E. Graham, E. McCarty, H. Robinson, J. R. Boykin, R. B. Nichols.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—T. I. Wells, J. K. P. Shows, E. W. Summerell, J. W. Arnold, W. T. Cooper, A. J. Freeman, J. M. Moore, W. D. Hill, N. L. Clarke.

On Publications—J. M. Kelly, L. M. Philips, J. N. Newburn, T. C. Viverett.

On Education—J. M. Moore, Thomas Keith, A. Gressett.

On Sunday Schools—L. M. Philips, W. R. Butler, R. E. Buckley, L. F. Simmons.

The Committee on Preaching report, That Elder T. I. Wells preach to-night, Elder N. L. Clarke preach to-morrow at 11, A. M., the annual sermon on missions; and Elder J. M. Moore, at 2 P. M.

On motion, it was resolved, to take up a public collection for missions, after the 11 o'clock service, to-morrow.

Resolved, To meet at 9:30, to-morrow, for prayer meeting and mission talks. Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

Bro. T. I. Wells being feeble in health, Bro. A. J. Freeman filled his appointment to preach at night, selecting a clause found in John 18:36. Theme—"The Spirituality of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Lord's Day Exercises.

Prayer-meeting and mission talks at half after 9, conducted by Eld A. Gressett. At 11 a. m., the annual sermon on missions was preached by Elder N. L. Clarke, from John 3:30—Theme: "The increase and prevalence of Christ's Kingdom over the earth to be consumated through the gospel preached. The word was preached with great earnestness and tenderness, and good order and attention observed by a large congregation during the service. At the close a collection was taken up for missions, which resulted as follows: For domestic missions, $9.65; for foreign missions, $9.70; indian missions, $12.55.

At 2 p. m., Elder J. M. Moore preached from Collos. 1:13. Theme: "The institution of the gospel Kingdom by the Son of God and the proper subjects of that Kingdom." A good sermon by Eld. A. Gressett, who was appointed to preach at night, from 1st Corrin. 1:30.

Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer offered by Bro. J. W. Arnold. Read the rules of decorum. Called the roll. Proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

To the Salem—W. T. Huff, W. T. Hill.
To Octibbeha—F. Sansing, F. Clarke.
To Bethlehem—J. M. Kelly.
To Springfield—N. L. Clarke, J. R. Pace.
To Harmony—S. J. Tallis, J. J. Ingram.
To Mt. Olive—J. T. Bryant.

By motion, it was Resolved, That this body drop correspondence with the Choctaw Association.

Resolved, That the corresponding messengers be authorized to write their own letters, showing their appointment to the different associations, signing the names of the moderator and secretary of this Association.

Reports of Committees.

On Nominations—Report read and adopted. Appendix A.

On Queries and Requests—Report read. A motion to amend the report by inserting Oakland Church, instead of Rock Branch. Report adopted as amended. Appendix B.

On Missions—Report read. After pointed speeches by brethren Freeman and Murrell, urging systematic collections for mission work by the churches, the further discussion of the subject was suspended till 2 o'clock, p. m.

Elder T. I. Wells was appointed to preach at the arbor.

On Publications—Report read. A talk from Bro. A. J. Freeman recommending Kind Words. Also, a speech by Bro. N. L. Clarke, urging the continued support of the Southern Baptist. Bro. Gressett was invited to address the body in behalf of his paper, which he accepted. Report adopted. Appendix C.

Report on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence. Report read and adopted. (See first page.)

On Sunday Schools—Report read and unanimously adopted. Appendix D.

On Education—Report read. Prof. Davis, President of the High School at Sylvarena, responded to an invitation given by the body to address us with reference to the interests and prospects of the Sylvarena school.

Prof. Huddleston, President of Harperville College, also addressed the body, showing that though the college was under no denominational or sectarian influence, yet morality and the general principles of the christian religion were inculcated. Report adopted. App. E.

On Finance. Report read and adopted. Appendix F.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Appointed Representatives to the General Association, viz.: A. M. Cross, Elders A. J. Freeman, L. P. Murrell, L. M. Philips, T. I. Wells, J. M. Kelly, N. L. Clarke, J. M. Moore and R. E. Buckley, Wm. Yarborough, E. G. Skinner and W. P. Vaughn.

Resumed the consideration of the Report on Missions. Interesting speeches were made by brethren J. M. Kelly, A. Gressett, and N. L. Clarke, urging greater zeal and increased liberality in mission work, when the report was adopted. Appendix G.

Resolutions.

Resolved, 1, Whereas, The evils of Intemperance and the liquor traffic have reached such magnitude as to render it the evil of all evils, leading to drunkenness and all its kindred vices, sending annually thousands to drunkards graves, leaving broken-hearted widows and helpless orphans to battle in poverty with the stern realities of life, filling the poor houses with paupers, the jails with prisoners, the penitentiaries with convicts, and the country with crime and bloodshed; Therefore, Resolved, That we, as an Association, stand opposed to the excessive use of all intoxicants, and to the unlawful traffic in the same, and furthermore, we favor the effort for general prohibition, and pledge ourselves to work for it in every laudable and reasonable way.

Resolved, 2. That the Clerk have the minutes of this association printed and distributed to the churches—reserving a number for correspondence—and that he receive $20.00 for his services—calling on the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, 3. That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the Treasurer of the General Association.

Resolved, 4, That we have abiding confidence in the great work of the General Association, and urge the churches of this body to greater zeal and earnestness in this work.

Resolved, unanimously, That we cordially tender the thanks of this body to the church and citizens of Harperville and community, for their kind and generous hospitality during this meeting.

Resolved, That this Association adjourn to meet with Oakland Church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday before the 3d Lord's day in September, A. D., 1886.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

J. M. MOORE, Secretary.

Appendices.

A REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations report: That we have nominated Elder A. J. Freeman to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. E. Chapman his Alternate; and Elder L. P. Murrell to preach the next annual sermon on missions, and Elder T. I. Wells his alternate. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ABNEY, Chairman.

B. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REQUESTS.

Your committee on Queries and Requests report: We find 3 requests for letters of dismission from this body. We recommend that their requests be granted. Also 5 churches request the next meeting of this body to be held with them. We recommend Rock Branch as the place for the next meeting. Submitted.

L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

C. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on missions submit the following: We rejoice at the fact that the blessings of the Lord has attended the mission work. Wherever the gospel has been preached, souls have been converted, the Kingdom of Christ has been enlarged; the soldiers of the cross are penetrating the dark places of the earth, and reports come to us from the various fields, of sinners being converted to Christ. When we take a view of the field that we are specially engaged in, we are made to feel glad that the outlook is so encouraging. Many baptisms have been reported by our missionaries in South Mississippi. The Choctaw mission is in a growing condition. One Indian minister has been ordained among them this year. Others are impressed to preach the gospel. While the facts are pleasing to contemplate, yet the work is but begun. Millions are yet in Pagan darkness. Many places in our own sunny land are yet destitute of the gospel. Let us awake and go to work. The fields are white for the harvest. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest." And while we pray, let us remember that the Lord has ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel. Brethren, will you come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

In conclusion, we recommend that the brethren present the claims of missions to their churches, collect what they can, and either send it to, or represent themselves in the General Association, which convenes with the fellowship church, Jasper county, embracing the 4th Sunday in October. We also recommend the churches of this body to send up next year contributions for missions to this Association, to be credited on the minutes of the same. Repectfully submitted.

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

D. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications report: The press is a great power in our land for good or evil; and as we profess to be the followers

of Christ; we should sacredly guard our homes against all vicious, profane or trashy reading. We recommend to all the constant and systematic study of God's Word. To young people and Sunday schools we recommend Kind Words. As a medium of communication among the brethren and churches, we recommend the Southern Baptist. And in view of the stand taken by anti-prohibition men and capital, against the financial interest of the religious prohibition press, we earnestly recommend the hearty support of every paper circulated among us, which fearlessly defends our country, our churches, and our homes against the rum power.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. KELLY, Chm'n.

E. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As the youth of the country are the hope of the nation, both religiously and politically, early training should not be neglected, and this work should be commenced as soon as the mind is capable of receiving instruction. And while we note with pleasure that our people are year after year taking increased interest in literary schools and the education of their children; we regret that there is not equal interest manifested in their moral and religious training. And while we would not by any means underrate or discourage parental instruction, or the parental duty of "training up a child in the way he should go," we consider the Sunday school a great help to parents in that direction; affording, at the same time, to many, the privilege of receiving moral and religious instruction, that would otherwise be deprived of it. "From a child thou has known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation," said Paul to Timothy; and since they are able to make us wise unto salvation, how important that we teach them to our children. Teach them the way of life and salvation, and point them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." "For impressions made upon the wax-like mind of a child may mould its after life in symmetrical beauty and wellfare, and lead it through the long years of misery and sin." Your committee believes there is no better place for such instruction to be given and good impressions be made than in a well conducted Sunday school. And we would rejoice to see the time when every church would keep up a regular Sunday school, when the children of every community would be gathered together every Lord's day, and taught to fear and worship God. Brethren, let us awake to our duty in regard to this, and neglect not the true interests of our children, remembering that while we are sleeping the enemy is busy "sowing tares." Respectfully submitted, L. M. PHILIPS, Chmn.

F. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education report: That we do not consider it necessary to present an elaborate essay on education, in order to convince your body of its importance, and shall confine this report mainly to directing your attention to some of the institutions of learning in our midst. And being surrounded as we are, by the walls of "Harperville College," we present first her claims briefly. This school is a chartered institution, and is on a plane with the best colleges of the country. The course of instruction adopted is thorough, and the expenses as moderate as can be afforded, and is in every sense adapted to the wants of the people, and we cheerfully commend it to the public.

We would now specially call your attention to our own High School, now in its infancy, located at Sylvarena, and are gratified to be able confidently to report that institution a success. And we give it as our opinion that should it fail at an early day to take rank with the best colleges of the State, the Baptists of East Mississippi are solely responsible. We have the means at command to foster and maintain it. Brethren, let us see that it is done.

There are many other institutions of learning of high grade springing up in different sections of the country, which are an index of the awakening generally, of our people on the subject of education. We would by no means omit to call your attention to the common schools of the country. It is through this medium the masses are reached;

hence the importance that should be attached to their maintenance and support. In conclusion, permit us to express the hope that each member of this body will return home with a fixed purpo e to render all the aid in his power to promote a general dissemination of knowledge among the people. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. MOORE, Chairman.

G. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance report the following: We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Sent up by the churches for associational purposes		$122 10
" " " "	" domestic missions	20 75
" " " "	" foreign missions	2 50
" " " "	" Indian missions	9 75
Collected on Lord's day for domestic missions		9 65
" " " "	" foreign missions	9 70
" " " "	" Indian missions	12 55
	Total	$187 00

Submitted,

N. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

N. L. Clarke, Decatur,
L. P. Murrell, Lake,
D. Fore, Lake,
J. N. Newburn, High Hill,
A. J. Freeman, Newton,
G. W. Rainer, Hickory,
J. E. Chapman, Newton,
Pullum Vaughn, Chunkey Sta.
Lee M. Philips, Newton,
H. O. White, Moore's Mill.
S J. Tullos, Dixon, Neshoba Co.
J. J. Ingram, " "
J. M. Moore, Union,
J. M. Kelly, "
J. K. P. Shows "
T. I. Wells, Moore's Mill.
B. W. Dearing, Newton,
J. W. Arnold, New Ireland,
Jas. Killen, Union.

Licentiates and their Post-Offices.

S. Sansing, Union,
T. M. Goule, Lake,
J. E. Pearson, Lena,
J. T. Massey, Lena,
Wm. Sessums, Lena,
W. P. Vaughn, Chunkey Station,
Joseph White, Decatur,
W. R. Hailey, Hickory,
D M. Stroud, Hickory,
G. P. W. Dennis, High Hill,
R. L. Herrington, Dixon.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH—Preamble.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood,

become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consits of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4. This association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four, and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject, till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the moderator, as soon as the association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the association, by a majority of the association.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Reed by letter	Restored	Diss. by letter	Excluded	Dead	White males
County Line	Neshoba	Union	J M Moore, F Sansing	7			2			14
Salem	Scott	Forest	R B Nichols, I M Nichols							9
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	E Biggs		5					10
Bethlehem	Newton	New Ireland	T B Gordon	9	5	1	5	1		23
Union	Scott	Harperville	W J Putnam	6	2		7		2	20
Good Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	B F Lewis, N M Fox	10	11	2	4	1		27
Fellowship	Leake	Walnut Grove	A Parker, J M Oxner	7	2		2			
Enon	Neshoba	Union	F Clarke	1	1		2	1		9
Garlandsville	Jasper	Garlandsville	J D Hardy	3		1	1			8
Bethel	Newton	Newton	D T Chapman	2	1		2		2	20
Sharon	Smith	Trenton	J H Limbaugh, M Myers		1		1	2	1	18
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L P Murrell, J R Pace, J M Haralson		4		7	2	1	54
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lake		1	2			1		12
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	G C Harper, J C Harralson	14	8		19		2	45
Pinkney	Newton	Union	J W Arnold, J T Roebuck	2	1		3			18
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewell Hill	D Roberts, E W Sumerall	1	1		2			19
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	J K P Shows, J B Abney	1			12	1	1	22
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N L Clarke, N T Johnson, Thos Keith	4	1	1	2		4	45
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	W Yarborough, L F Simmons, W J Brewer	1	2	1	3	4	1	34
Beulah	Newton	Moore's Mill	H O White, J E Graham	20	1		2		1	64
Mt. Pisgah	Jasper	Paulding	E McCarty, T R Allday	6	3	1	2	2	1	40
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R L Estes, T M Crosby	10	6	2	5			33
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Conehatta	W L Bryant, J D Amos		8		3		3	22
Lake	Scott	Lake								
New Prospect	Newton		J P Ponder, R A Barrett		4	1	4	1	1	20
Leaf River	Smith	Flower's Place	J Boykin, D B Cowart	12	1	3	4	2	4	39
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	R E Buckley		4					
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	E Savell	2	3		2	2		20
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	A B Stephens, H Robinson		1	1	4		1	24
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	W T Cooper, J M Smith	3			4		2	29
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	J L Hammonds, E G Skinner	1	2		6	1		7
Friendship	Leake	Lena	F M Davis, Samuel Sessums	2	1		2		3	32
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman, W J McMullen	7	1				1	15
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	T F Wells, J S Wells	8	5			1	1	34
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	A M Cross, E Russell	5	7		8			20
Philadelphia	Neshoba	Philadelphia	Rufus King	4	7			1		6
Linwood	Neshoba	Dixon	W H Church, W D Hitt	2	4	1	9	3	1	21
Woodland	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J L Shackleford, R L White	1	6					11
Sardis	Scott	Damascus	R S Estes, J W Spear	4	2		4		1	10
High Hill	Leake	High Hill	J N Newbern, R S Rushing	11	2		3	1		19
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	B Robinson	5	6		1			21
Old Union	Scott	Harperville	J T Bryant	9	9					16
Sylvarena	Smith	Sylvarena	W T Huff, W T Hill	6	8	1	5		2	41
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	W P Vaughn	6	41					17
Newton	Newton	Newton	L M Phillips				15		2	12
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	W G Everett, S W Monroe				9			9
New Hope	Scott	Lake	R McGee, J G Gordy	2						5
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	T A Key	5				1		9
Bethany	Neshoba	Edingburg	J T Tucker	1	9					8
Union	Newton	Union	J M Kelley, T C Viverett							7
Pine Bluff	Newton		N McRany							7
New Prospect	Lauderdale	Chunkey								
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STICAL TABLE.

PASTOR OR SUPPLY.	Ord. Ministers	Licentiates	Time Meeting	Indian Missions	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions	Associational Fund.	No. Minutes	Total number	Colored	White females	White males	Dead	Excluded	Diss. by letter	Restored	Reed by letter	Baptized .....
J M Moore	1	1	3				1 50	15	34		20	14			2			7
J H Grundy			4			3 25	1 00	10	24		15	9						
N L Clarke			1				2 00	20	31		21	10					5	
J M Moore			1				2 15	25	58		35	23		1	5	1	5	9
P H Bilbro		1	2	5 00					52		32	20	2		7		2	6
J J Ingram			2			3 35	2 70	27	82		55	27		1	4	2	11	10
C L Lewis			3		1 50	1 25	1 50	15	40		15	9		1	2		1	7
G W Breland	1		2				1 50	15	20		11	9			1	1		1
A J Freeman			2				1 50	20	21		13	8			1	1		3
J E Chapman	2		3				2 10	20	63		43	20	2		2		1	2
M E Manning			3				1 60	15	59		41	18	2	2	1		4	
L P Murrell	1		1				5 00	50	148		94	54	1	2	7		4	
L M Phillips			2					10	25		13	12		1			2	1
M B Maumb			3				3 00	30	97		52	45	2		19		8	14
J W Arnold	1		4				3 20	20	42		24	18			3		1	2
J T Simmons			4				2 00	20	47	1	27	19			2		1	1
J M Moore	1		2				2 60	25	58		36	22	1	1	12			1
N L Clarke		1	2				7 50	75	143	18	80	45	4	1	2	1	1	4
B W Dearing			1				3 00	30	120		86	34	1	4	3	1	2	1
J M Moore	1	1	4				5 00	50	154	2	88	64	1	4	2		1	20
J T Simmons			3				2 00	20	57		17	40	2	2	2	1	3	6
J J Ingram			4			5 75	2 50	25	66		33	33			5	2	6	10
L P Murrell			3			1 90	2 50	25	61	3	36	22	3		3		8	
							1 00	10										
J W Arnold			1				2 60	15	45		25	20	1	1	4	1	4	
J T Simmons	1	1	1				3 00	30	102		63	39	4	2	4	3	1	12
B W Dearing			3				1 50	15									4	
S J Tullos	1		3		1 00	1 00	3 95	30	64		44	20		2	2		3	2
A J Smith			3				1 50	15	66		42	24	1		4	1	1	
S J Tullos			4	70			4 00	40	69		40	29	2		4			3
G W Rainer			3				1 25	15	29		22	7		1	6		2	1
M B Maumb		3	2				4 00	40	92		60	32	3		2		1	2
A J Freeman	1	1	3				2 60	24	43		28	15	1				1	7
T I Wells	3	1	1				4 45	40	89		55	34	1	1			5	8
A J Freeman			4				4 25	24	53		33	20			8			5
L B Fancher								6	13		7	6		1				4
J J Ingram, S J Tullos	1	1	1	1 00		1 85	2 50	25	47		26	21	1	3	9	1	4	2
J C Foster			4				2 80	13	22		11	11					6	1
J L Killen			1				1 50	15	39		19	10		1	4		2	4
J N Newburn		1	3				2 50	25	53		34	19		1	2		2	11
G W Rainer	1	1	2				2 00	20	51		30	21			1		6	5
W L Phillips			1				3 00	25	58		22	16					9	9
N L Clarke			3				5 00	50	100		59	41	2		5	1	8	6
T I Wells			2				3 00	30	58		41	17					41	6
N L Clarke	1		4				2 50	15	47		35	12	2					
J E Chapman		1	2				1 00	10	20		11	9						
D Fore			4			1 00	1 00	10	17		12	5						2
B W Dearing			2				1 20	12	30		21	9		1				5
S J Tullos			2	1 35		1 40	1 00	10	21		13	8					9	1
J M Moore			1				1 50	15	20		13	7						
J E Chapman			1				1 25	10	13		6	7						
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MINUTES

Report of Committee on the State of religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the churches.

Through the still abounding mercies of God, we have been favored to meet in this our annual session for 1886, which is the 49th annual meeting of this Association. Our welcome with the Oakland church was hearty, and the accomodations abundant. The attendance from the churches has been nearly full; representing the churches in peace and order; and though the number baptized has not been so large as in some years before, yet it has been creditable, amounting to about 150. All our churches have had preaching with more or less regularity. In some there have been large and precious ingatherings. The Spirit of missions still lives in the churches of our beloved Association, and in some it is growing. So far as seen there is but one discouraging fact among our churches, and that is the disposition of border churches to withdraw and go elsewhere—thus weakening down the venerable old body that has so long battled for the truth, and done so much for the cause of Christ.

Our present session has been unusually harmonious and peaceful; the preaching sound, instructive, and profitable. And while as churches and ministers we may not have done all we might in the great work of spreading the blessed gospel, yet much has been done, and God has blessed it Thankful for the past, appreciating the present, and trusting God for the future, we thank him and take courage. The Baptists are an historic people, divinely historic. Their history is written in the word of God; it is written in the dark pages of Jewish, heathen, and Popish persecution; it is written in the tears and groans, and death of the suffering saints, who have laid down their lives for Christ and his truth. With such an ancestry in the faith; with such examples before our eyes, we dare to be faithful—we dare to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Yea, we must be faithful, declaring the whole counsel of God, avoiding all sympathy with the popular errors around us. We dare not affiliate with those living in error if we would be clear of sin. What fellowship has light with darkness? Men in error should not be invited to preach for our people; nor can we participate in the religious meetings of pedo-baptists and be faithful to God and to his truth; though it is frequently done, even to the giving of the right hand of fellowship to those christened in infancy, and likely yet unconverted. In this way we sanction error, bring about divisions among our membership and grieve the minds of our pastors, who are in duty bound to oppose those errors. Let us remember that if we bid God speed to error we become guilty. Under the constitution and laws all orders have the same rights, and should have. Our security and spiritual prosperity is in social separation from all errorists, in keeping aloof, in showing no fellowship for their unscriptural practices. Let us constantly that error may perish, and do all we consistantly can to pull her than to build it up.

N. L. Clark, Chairman,

S J Tullos, T I Wells, J K P Shows, E K Horn, B H Estes

E Buckley.

e President Board of Foreign Missions. To the Mt Pisgah

Dear Brethren—The opportunities of obeying Christ by

el to the heathen, were never so great as now. All doors

000 miles of new railway in heathen lands, and 20,000

red river way thickly set with populous towns, some

00,000 inhabitants, await the Gospel, now travel

t of money given to missions now pays the way of the

missionaries to and from the fields. The success of mission work is also very good, twice that of work in the home field, and sometimes astonishingly great. Thus among the Telogoos in 45 years 26,000 converts have been made, hewn out of the rock, and gathered into Baptist churches, mostly self supporting.

The urgency of the case is also great. There are 1,000,000,000 heathen now, ¾ of whom have never heard the Gospel. These cannot wait. They must go. They die 30,000,000 a year, and in 33 years will all be gone.

Stirred by these facts other denominations, and Baptists in other parts, are making great efforts to give these people the Gospet. These bodies raised last year $10,000,000 for missions, they have 3,700 men and 2,500 women missionaries; and 850,000 converts from heathenism of whom 50,000 were added last year.

OUR OWN MISSIONS.

Our own board increased the number of its missionaries last year from 21 men and 26 women te 29 men and 30 women. From Miss., go W J David and wife to Africa; E Z Simmons to China; and J H Eager to Rome.

The number baptized in all our missions last year was 169. Total membership 1370. In some stations our gains were large last year; thus in Mexico, the number of converts rose from 190 to 270; in Brazil 113 to 140; Italy from 250 to 288. Our contributions also from the churches were increased from $71,000 in 1885 to $78,000 in 1886. Ala. Tenn. N. C. and Tex. increased theirs one or $2,000 each over last year, and Miss. about $500. But this increase does not nigh meet the necessities of the work; and unless much more is raised the coming year, the Board will be much straightened.

MORE LABORERS NEEDED.

Besides the 12 new missionaries sent out last year many more are needed this year. In Mexico Bro. Powell wants men for 5 cities with 50,000 inhabitants each. In Brazil, men are wanted for Minas Geraes and Pernambucco; Bro Eubank in Africa wants men; Bro Yates in China wants very many men for the great cities in the interior; while Japan with 36,000,000 is just begging for missionaries and teachers from civilized lands. But this is not a beginning. The need of Christian workers among the heathen is exceeding great, 40,000 men would not now be more than enough.

OUR DUTY.

Brethren:—We are commanded by Christ to preach the gospel to the heathen It is not a matter of choice. but a duty laid upon us. We are commanded to "go teach all nations," Matt. 28 19. And also to be witnesses for Christ "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1 18. Therefore it is our duty to give these heathen the gospel. And we are able to do it, and to do it now if we wanted to. We have men [illegible] money enough and the way is open. Christ himself also ha[illegible] us. He has pulled down the very mountains for u[illegible] valleys; and we ought to follow his leading.

THE WORLD THE FIELD.

Brethren:—We do believe that the whole world is th[illegible] prayers and tolls of every christian. That the daily pr[illegible] ing of missions, the daily praying and working for miss[illegible] ing to Christ; that it is a great destroyer of covetness [illegible] envy, and every vile passion; that it greatly prom[illegible] grace, and wonld cause the salvation of multitudes [illegible] otherwise be lost.

Your Vice-President asks, in behalf of the [illegible] printed in your minutes, and that the Asso[illegible]

and churches to assume their full share of the Foreign Mission work; and raise the coming year such contribibutions to the same as will please God; and will discharge their full obligation in the matter of giving the gospel to the heathen.

Respectfully Submitted,
GEORGE WHITFIELD.

Oakland Miss., Sept. 18, 188 .

Mt. Pisgah Association convened this day in her 49th annual session with Oakland church, Newton Co., Miss. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder A J Freeman from Acts 28 22. Theme: Sects versus the Baptists.

After intermission and bountiful refreshments the delegates assembled in the house The moderator called the house to order and opened the meeting by song and prayer.

Bro B W Dearing was appointed to preach at the stand.

Brethren T Keith L m Philips and A J Freeman were appointed reading Clerks.

Brethren D T Chapman N T Johnson, and J R Pace were appointed a committee on Finance. Letters were read from 44 churches and the delegates seated.

On motion, it was resolved that this body elect its officers by acclamation, which resulted in the re-election of its former officers, viz: Eld N L Clark as moderator; Eld J M Moore, Secretary, and Bro J D Hardy Treas.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with us. Petitionary letters were called for.

Called for correspondence from Sister Associations. Elder A Gressett presented himself and was received as messenger from the Bethlehem association. Elders J F Gunn and L B Fancher were received from the Oktibbeha, and Eld J F Simmons from the Salem. The moderator extended the hand of welcome in behalf of the body. Proceeded to appoint committees as follows: On preaching—Pastor and deacons of Oakland Church, also Eld G W Rainer, J B Ishee, G C Harper, A and W Grafton.

On Missions—B W Dearing, A G Blackwell, J J Ingram, E H Garner, J T Simmons G W Rainer. On Queries and Requests—L P Murrell, T T Boyd, J W Arnold, Benj Little, J D Hardy, W L Bassett, J E Graham, Thos Keith, E Biggs. On state of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence —J M Moore, J K P Shows, J K Horn, S J Tullos, T J Wells, B H Estes, L P Murrel, R E Buckley, J M McGee. By motion the moderator was made chairman of this committtee. On Publications L M Phillips A J Freeman and J C Wilson. On Education—Thos Keith, A Gressett, L B Fancher, H Bruce, G C Harper. Sunday schools.—A J Freeman, T J Hamilton, A Pearce. Committee on Preaching Report—That Eld L B Fancher [illegible] 7:30 to-night; Eld J J Ingram conduct prayer meeting at 10 to-[illegible] L P Murrel preach the annual sermon on missions at 11; [illegible] 2 P. M.

[illegible]olved to take up a public collection for missions [illegible]ice to-morrow. The Association adjourned to meet [illegible]y. Elder L B Fancher preached at night an inter-[illegible]attentive congregation, using as his text: "It is fin-[illegible]ness and universality of the Atonement of Christ.

[illegible]ORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

[illegible]nducted by Eld J W Arnold. The missionary [illegible]e usual hour by Eld L P Murrell from Acts 10 [illegible]ly medium of man's deliverance from the [illegible]fter preaching as follows: For Domestic [illegible]; Indian $15.10; Total $41.55. Abundant

refreshments on the grounds, and all cordially invited to partake.

In the afternoon the congregations re-assembled at the stand, and were addressed by Elder J M Moore on the necessity of strict adherence to the "form of doctrine" delivered us in the gospel, Text: Rom. 6 17. The congregation was very large during all the services of the day, and considering everything, good order and attention to the preaching were observed, Bro J T Simmons addressed a full house at night from John 1-45.

Monday morning 9 o'clock. The Association called to order by moderator. A fervent prayer was offered by Eld A J Freeman. Called the roll and read the Rules of Decorum.

Again called for petitionary letters. Brethren A A Powel and W A Butler presented a letter from Liberty, an old languishing church recently revived, which was admitted a member of this body, and the delegates seated.

The Moderator renewed the invitation to visiting ministers and corresponding messengers. Bro Geo Whitfield Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board, offered himself as a representative of that Board. He requested half an hour to present his claims of that Board which was cheerfully granted. Also submitted a report on Foreign Mission work which he wished published in our minutes, which was also granted. (See report on 2d page.)

A letter of correspondence was read from Sweet Pilgrim Col, Association, which was received and the Clerk authorized to return the correspondence by letter.

Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows: To the Salem—Eld N L Clark, J D Hardy, T T Boyd, A G Blackwell. Octibbeha—G W Rainer, J J Ingram, T J Wells, A A Powell. Bethlehem—G W Rainer. Springfield—L M Phillips. Harmony—A W W Grafton.

Resolved, That the corresponding messengers be authorized to write their own letters, showing their appointment as messengers to the different Associations signing the names of the Moderator and clerk of this Association.

Eld S J Tullos appointed to preach at the stand.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Nominations—Report read and adopted, Appendix A.

On Queries and Requests—Report read, and after some remarks, adopted App. B.

On Missions—Report read, and its consideration deferred till afternoon, Ap. C.

On State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—Report read, and after pointed remarks by Brethren [illegible] Freeman, Murrell, Arnold, Ingram and the Min[illegible] adopted. [See first page].

On Sunday Schools—Report read and after [illegible] Whitfield, Rainer, and others it was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Education—Report read and adopted. Adpendix E.

Report on Missions—Taken up and re-read. Many excellent speeches were made in favor of the report. The brethren and churches earnestly solicited to send up contributions to the different association for mission work, after which the report was adopted.

On Publications—Report read and adopted. Appendix F.

On Finance—Report read adopted. Appendix G.

Appointed Representatives to the General Association as follows: A. J Freeman, J. J. Ingram, L. M. Phillips, A. Pearce, G. W. Rainer, H O. White, N. L. Clarke, J M. Moore, L P. Murrell, F. C. Viverett, T. J. Wells, Jr., K P. Shows, J. C. Wilson, D. H. Lee, A. G. Blackwell, I. H. Brown.

Resolved, That the name of W. L. Phillips, who was excluded some years ago for gross immorality, but has since been serving a church in our Assoctation, be dropped from our minutes.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution 1. That the Clerk have the minutes of this Association, be printed at the office of the Southern Baptist, and distributed to the churches—reserving a sufficient number for correspondence, and that he receive $20 for his services—drawing on the treasurer for the same.

Resolution 2. That any funds remaining in the hands of the treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the treasurer of the General Association.

Resolution 3. That we most heartily tender the thanks of this body to the church at Oakland and the surrounding community, for their kindness and very generous hospitality during this meeting.

Resolution 4. That this Association adjourn to meet with Cross Roads church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, A. D., 1887.

N. L CLARKE, Moderator,

J. M. MOORE, Secretary.

APPENDICES.

A—Report of committee on nominations. Your committee on nominations submit the following report, viz: That Eld. J. E. Chapman preach the next Introductory sermon, and that Elder G. W. Rainer be his attenuate; also, that Elder J M. Moore preach the annual sermon on missions, and Elder N. L. Clarke his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HARDY, Chairman

B—Report of Committee on Queries and Request report: We find no query. Four requests from churches for the next meeting of this body. We recommend that it be held with Cross Roads church. Three churches request letters of dismission from this body, viz: Leaf River, Mt. Pisgah and High Hill. We recommend that their requests be granted.

Submitted,

L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions submit the following. We rejoiced at the fact that the blessing of the Lord has attended the mission work. The glorious gospel, which is the power of God, has been preached and souls have been converted. The kingdom of God enlarged and the soldiers of the cross [illegible] dark places of the earth. Soul cheering news comes [illegible]ious fields, of sinners being converted to Christ When the field in which we are specially engaged, we are made encouraging out-look Many baptisms have been reported missionaries in South Mississippi.

[illegible]ion is also in a growing condition. In place of one reported last year. We have two and three licenti[illegible]ublic gifts. While these reports gladden our [illegible] begun. Millions are yet in pagon darkness

Many places in our own Sunny South are yet without the gospel. Dear brethren, let us awake and put the gospel armour on. The fields are white for the harvest. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest. And let us also remember that the Lord has ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. Brethren, let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. In conclusion we recommend that the delegates present the claims of Missions to their churches, collect what they can, and send it up to the General Association.

We also recommend those churches that do not represent themselves in the General Association, to send up contributions for missions to this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. Simmons, Chairman.

D.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools report the following: The advancement of our people in the cause of education is very gratifying, and is pleasant to contemplate. The country is evidently advancing, and we, as a people, should endeavor to keep pace with the one in which we live. There can be no greater benefit conferred upon our children than to train them up in the ways of the Lord. This may be done in the Sabbath schools. Instead of letting our children idle around on the Lords day, it would be much better to gather them in the Sabbath Schools and give them religious instruction. Children so taught make better sons and daughters, better husbands and wives, better fathers and mothers, better citizens, and if by the grace of God, they become christians, better church members. We owe it to ourselves, to our children and to our God, to give them these advantages. We hope the churches will awake to the vast importance of this work, and that they will report their schools to the Association, and that the clerk insert in the minutes an exhibit of the schools reported. We also recommend Kind Words, edited by Rev. S. Boykin, Macon, Ga., as a sound Baptist Sunday-School paper.

Submitted,
A. J. FREEMEAN Chairmon.

E—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee are gratified to report that our people are being almost universally awakened to the importance of education, and that the facilities for acquiring a higher education, are equal to the increased demand. This is as it should be, and we feel confident in the assertion, that although we as a denomination are called ignorant and narrow-minded, we hale with as much delight as the most cultivated of the land, this advance in education. It is gratifying to us to see the many colleges and schools of high grade that are being established all over the country; and we may confidently assert that our people, the Baptists, are along with the front ranks in this grand work. If space permitted, it would be a pleasure to point out the merits of many of the high schools and colleges now soliciting our patronage. Each one, however, speaks for itself.

We may be pardoned for calling special attention to the East Mississippi College, recently established at Sylvarena by the General Association. Although this is now a chartered college and thus started under favorable auspices—having an able faculty &c; yet the battle is only begun. And unless the Baptist of East Mississippi give material aid, instead of pointing with pride to the school, we shall have the mortification of seeing it languish and die. These reports on paper are good in their place, but something more substantial is needed to foster and maintain the [illegible]re. Having no endowment fund from which to draw, the college [illegible] must have the patronage of its friends. Let us in East Miss[illegible] school is properly sustained.

The Mississippi College at Clinton, is so well know[illegible] say more than that we heartily endorse the good [illegible] by that grand old institution. Last, but by no t[illegible]

call attention to the most important class of schools the common schools of the country. Our people are fully awake on this subject, as is evidenced by the constant discussion of the common school law and questions pertaining thereto. Your committee are fully sensible of the imperfection of this report, but feel that your intelligent body will appreciate the difficulty of making a brief report on a subject so extensive.

Respectfully Submitted,

THOS. KEITH, Chairman.

F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee submit the following: We recognize the press as a great power—its power and influence are indeed great for either good or evil. It is the aim of your committee to commend and encourage the good and condemn the evil. The worst evil of profane and vicious literature is the influence it has upon the young, and the impressions it makes upon their minds. It is therefore our duty as the people of God, to see that no impure or immoral literature finds a place in our homes for the evil may make impressions upon the minds of our children, that may be difficult to remove, while the pure will make lasting impressions for good. Your committee would recommend the Southern Baptist as the best medium of communication among our people, as well as a sound, religious journal, and urge our people to support and help to keep it up

We recommend "Kind Words" as a good Sunday School paper. And whereas harmony at present, exists among the Baptists of our State. We recommend the Baptist Record as a sound Baptist paper:

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

G.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance report: That we have examined the treasurer's report and find it correct.

Sent up by the churches for	Associational purposes,	$107 10
" " " " "	Domestic missions	26 05
" " " " "	Foreign missions,	2 50
" " " Foreign	missions	12 50
" " " "	Indian missions,	12 60
Collected on Lord's day for	Domestic missions,	13 85
" " " "	Indian "	15 10
	Total,	$189 70

Submitted,

D. T. CHAPMAN. Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

N. L. Clarke, Decatur,	J. J. Ingram Dixon, Neshoba Co.
L. P. Murrell, Lake,	S J Tullos, "
D. Fore, Lake,	J. M. Moore, Union,
J. M. Newburn. High hill	J. M. Kelly, "
G. W. Rainer, Hickory.	J. W. Arnold "
J. E. Chapman, Newton,	T. I. Wells, Moore's Mill,
P. Vaugh, Chunky Sta.,	B. W. Dearing, Newton,
A. J. Freeman, Newton,	J. K. P. Shows, Union,
L. M. Philips, Newton	A. G. Blackwell, Sylvarena,
H. O. White, Moore's Mill,	F. Biars, "
"	M. Bishop. "

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

	W. P. Vaughn, Chunky Station,
	Joseph White, Decatur,

J. E. Pearson, Lena,
J. T. Massey, "
Wm. Stephens, "
Jas. Nelson, High Hill,
W. G. Everett, Hickory,
J. M. Hutson, Harperville,
W. R. Hailey, Hickory,
D. M. Stroud, "
G. W. P. Dennis, High Hill,
R. L. Herrington, Dixon,
E. H. Gainer, Lucerne.
J. L. Hammond, Hickory.

NOTE:—The clerk was authorized by resolution, to publish in this minute, the amount of mission funds contributed to the Gen'l Association, during last Associational year, by the churches of Mt. Pisgah Association. For this, see table.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love that he chose them in christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering of sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visable church of christ is a congregati[on] ful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to o[ne] brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeab[le] of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus christ is the only head and [law-giver] church; that the government is with the body, the chu[rch] the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are [ordinances] appointed by Jesus christ, and are to be continued i[n]

his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs and, therefore this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question, in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondent when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6 The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7 The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8 The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9 The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10 The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ation shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches
pectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah

all be members in good standing, and no mem-
sure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
ce letters certifying their appointment by their res-
stating the number baptized, received by letter, res-
n unlicated and deceased, during the proceeding
the total nomber in fellowship, and such other

statistical matters as the association may direct.

4 This association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5 If new churches desire to be admitted into the associacion, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegate the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6 Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7 The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this association.

8 Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9 Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10 If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point seperately.

11 Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12 No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject, till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13 The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decideded, the moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order of the moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis by letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Colored	Total number	No minutes	Asso Fund	Domestic miss	Foreign miss	Indian mission	Con. Gen. Asso	for miss in 1885	Times of meeting	Licentiates	Ord. ministers	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
County Line,	Neshoba,	Union,	J M Moore,					2		14	20		34	4	150					400	4	1	1	J M Moore
Concord,	Jasper,	Garlandsville,	R E Buckley	8	4			1	2	12	23		35	15	150					660	2			B W Dearing
Cross Roads,	Newton,	Decatur,	M D Russell, H Bruce,	4	4	1	1	1	1	12	23		35	15	150					815	4			A J Freeman
Bethlehem,	Newton,	New Ireland,	H C Germany, W J Lewis,	5	3			2		26	35		61	25	260						4			J M Moore
Bethel,	Neshoba,	Newton,	D T Chapman, B W Dearing,	8	8			5	1	26	37		63	20	200						2			J E Chuman
Bethany,	Neshoba,	Edinburg,	J M Porter, W L Sharp,	8	2	1			1	25	48		73	20	200					2175	3		2	S J Tullos
Beulah,	Newton,	Moore's Mill,	Gressett, white, Graham, Wm Graham,	13	4			1	1	13	22		35	10	125	2	30		2	90	1			S J Tullos
			N L Clarke, T Keith, N T John-	5	4		9			64	88	2	134	40	400					1200	4	1	1	H O Whlte
Decatur,	Newton,	Decatur,	son, T G Coker,	12	2	2	6		1	49	85	18	152	70	700					6515	2		1	N L Clark
			F Clarke, B F Clarke,		1	3		2		8	14		22	15	125						3			J J Ingram
Enon,	Neshoba,	Union,	J C McBeth, W w walton,	2	8	4	4		1	31	34		65	25	200	4	00		4	00	3			A J Smith
Ebenezer,	Neshoba,	Beech Springs,	A B Stephenson, E V Robinson,	1	1			1	1	32	47		79	15	150					500	3	1	1	L M Phillips
Ebenezer,	Newton,	Lawrence,	B Coleman, B B Estes,										41	20	200			1	75	1800	3			M B Maum
Fellowship,	Leake,	Walnut Grove,								32	60		92	20							2			A J Freeman
Friendship,	Leake,	Lena,						3	1	6	15		21	15	150					675	3			J E Chapman
Garlandsville,	Jasper,	Garlandsville,	J D Hardy, A Pearce,			1	2		1	7	9		16	10	100					400	2	1		N L Clark
Good Hope,	Newton,	Hickory,	W T Everett, C G Johnson,	2				2		11	19		30	15	200					1015	1			M B Mourn
Hickory,	Newton,	Hickory,	J A White, E Biggs,	5	2	1	8		2	42	53		95	30	500	1160					3			J N Newburn
Harperville,	Scott,	Harperville,	G C Harper, T J Hamilton,	4			2			24	33		58	25	250						3	2	1	
High Hill,	Leake,	High Hill,	E Rushing, C C Arnold,											10	100									J T Simmons
Lake.	Scott,	Lake,		11	8	1	4			46	74		120							650				
Leaf River,	Smith,	Flower's Place,			1		2	5		16	25		41	20	200	2	40		1	00	1		1	J J Ingram
Linewood.	Neshoba,	Dixon,	J J Ingram, J D Parker,	5	6		4			19	44		63							975	3			J T Simmons
Mt. Pisgah,	Jasper,	Paulding,	P Rainor,	3	2	1	5	1	1	22	39		61	35	380	1	00	75	2	25	3		1	S J Tullos
Mt. Sinai,	Neshoba,	Dixon,	S J Tullos,				6			12	25		37	20	175					625	3		1	A J Freeman
Midway,	Newton,	Newton.	A J Freeman, W M McMullin,	1	4	2	4			20	31		51	15	150					1250	4			J E Chapman
Mt. Vernon	Newton,	Hickory,	J. H. Bradford, J. K. Horn,		3					20	43		63	30	300					360	2	1		T I Wells
Mt. Pleasant,	Newton,	Hickory,	Jeff Blass, W. P. Vaughn,		3	1	5	1		5	8		13	10	100					100	3			" " "
New Prospect,	Lauderdale,	Chunky,	J. B. Ishee, Benj. Little,		3		1	1	1	29	40		69	30	300		50		1	85	3	1		J W Arnold
New Hope,	Neshoba,	Union,	G. G. Chipman, A. L. Crenshaw,		1		1			11	36		47	20	200					1240	4		1	N L Clark
Newton,	Newton,	Newton,	D. P. Whatly, L. M. Phillips,	17	2		1	2		25	35		60	20	300						1			J W Arnold
New Prospect	Newton,	Lucern,	E. H. Garner,	9	4		5			39	59		98	40	400					1565	1	1	3	T I Wells
Oakland,	Newton,	Moore's Mill,	T. I. Wells. G. W. Rainer,		2		4			15	21		36	20	300						1			
Old Union,	Newton,	Harperville,	W. A. Welsh,		1	1	2	3	4	52	89		141	50	500					2745	1	1		L P Murrel
Pleasant Hill,	Scott,	Conehatta,	L. P. Murrell, J. R. and J. P. Pace,							12	13		25											
Pine Ridge,	Newton,	Lake.		1	5		4		1	21	23		44	20	325						4		1	J W Arnold
Pinkney,	Newton,	Union.	J. W. Arnold, A. G. Gordon,	3	3	1				39	58		127	30	300					300	1			B W Dearing
Poplar Springs	Newton,	Newton,	Wm. Yarborough, H. P. Dean							9	21		30	12	140									" " "
Prairie Concord,	Newton,	Newton,	A L Boutwell		4					7	11		18	10	150					550	1			J E Chapman
			W J Pippin,	1	2	1	3			21	28		50	15	200						4			B W Dearing
Pine Bluff,	Newton,		J Cook,	7	1		1			24	37		61	30	210					805	3		1	J M Moore
Randall Hill,	Jasper,	Jewell Hill,	S H Fortson, J D McCord	2			5			7	13		20	10	100					1700	3			J H Grundy
Rock Branch,	Newton,	Union,	J K P Shows, L S James,	1	2		5		1	18	38		56	15	150	1	50				3			W P Chapman
Salem,	Scott,	Forest.					10			24	34	3	61	20	200						3			L P Murrell
Sharon,	Smith,	Trenton,					3			7	19		26	10	200					150	4	1		H B Cooper
Sulphur Springs	Scott,	Conehatta,	M L Cloud, J C Wilson,				6			8	15		23	12	150					275	1			L M Phillips
Sand Springs,	Newton	Hickory,	J L Hammond	2	12		3			47	64		111	60	600					525	3		3	N L Clark
Sardis,	Scott,	Damascus,	J F Brunson,							9	14		23	10	150						1		1	J M Moore
Sylvarena,	Smith,	Sylvarena,	Blackwell, Boyd, and Tilson,	4						13	11		24	17	170						2			J C Foster
Union,	Newton,	Union,	T C Viverette, W L Bassett,	5	2		4			9	10		19	10	100	2	00		50		1			D Fore
Woodland,	Neshoba,	Philadelphia,	A W W Grafton W T Grafton,							4	5		9	10	100		75						1	
New Hope,	Scott.	Lake.	J[illegible]ee, J T Gordy,																					
Liberty.	Newton.	M[illegible]	[illegible], W A Butler.																					
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